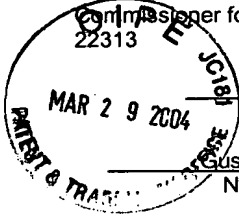


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Naoya Hasegawa et al. )  
Serial No. 10/624,931 )  
Filing Date: July 22, 2003 )  
For: Spin-Valve Magnetoresistive Thin )  
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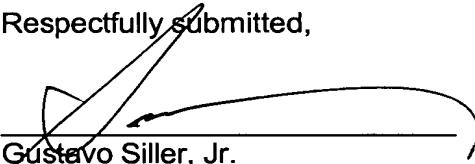
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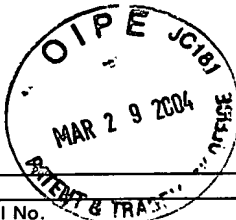
Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on July 22, 2003, but has not yet received an official Filing Receipt. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when an official Filing Receipt is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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| Inventor(s)<br>Naoya Hasegawa et al.                                |                          |                             |                    |
| Title of Invention<br>SPIN-VALVE MAGNETORESISTIVE THIN FILM ELEMENT |                          |                             |                    |

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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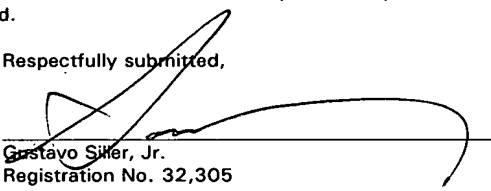
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